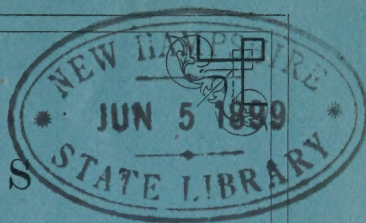


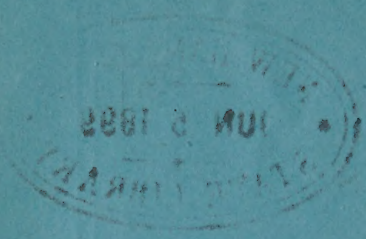
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Gilsum,
for the Year Ending March 1st, 1778.

APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH, 1877.

For town charges and debts of town,	\$100 00
Highway tax, in money,	200 00
For support of schools,	900 00
Total valuation of the town, April 1st, 1877, including polls,	\$227,256 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY TAX ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$712 00
County tax,	572 90
Town charges and debts of town,	100 00
Highway tax in money,	200 00
For schools,	900 00
Town raised to repair town house,	200 90
Percentage,	110 52
Rate of taxation, \$1.23 on one hundred dollars.	
School house tax in Dist. No. 7, with percentage added,	6 59
Tax on 41 dogs,	46 00
Amount committed to collector, including non-resident highway tax	\$2,893 90
Highway tax to be paid in labor, with percentage added,	625 73
Whole amount of school money, including Literary Fund, interest on School Fund and dog tax,	\$1,025 25

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EACH DISTRICT.

District, No. 1.	\$147 16
“ “ 2,	206 05
“ “ 3,	130 19
“ “ 4,	136 26
“ “ 5,	132 49
“ “ 6,	121 01
“ “ 7,	152 09
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	\$1,025 25

ORDERS ISSUED.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Geo. H. McCoy, for services as town clerk for 1876,	\$15 00
Paid Geo. H. Carpenter, for services as selectman for 1876,	42 00
Paid Geo. D. Hayward, “ “ “	40 00
Paid A. D. Hammond, “ “ “	57 75
Paid A. D. Hammond, “ treasurer “	15 00
Paid Geo. C. Hubbard, for services as superintending school committee for the year 1876,	31 00
Paid Julius N. Morse for printing town reports for 1876,	22 50
Paid W. H. Spalter & Co. for invoice book, collector's book, exemption blanks and stationery,	5 37
Paid A. R. Corey for work on stove pipe and setting up stoves in town hall,	2 00
Paid A. R. Corey and E. P. Nash for repairing engine and moving the same,	2 00
Paid Lewis Bridge for supporting watering trough,	3 00

Paid Warren W. Mason, Co. Treasurer, county tax,	572 90
Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, state tax,	712 00
Paid N. O. Hayward & Son, nails, powder, fuse and zinc,	3 10
Paid S. W. Dart for collecting taxes,	24 50
Paid S. W. Dart, collector non-resident highway receipts,	33 50
Paid A. D. Hammond for use of team to Keene, stationery,	
check lists, warrants, ink and postage stamps,	6 99
Paid A. D. Hammond for fixing the fence, and use of team	
and slabs for the cemetery,	2 07
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	\$1,590 68

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. E. Newman for breaking roads in March, 1876,	2 00
Paid Newman & Co. for nails,	32
Paid Ephraim Howard for use of plow eight days in	
June, 1875,	2 00
Paid James M. Comstock for acct. allowed by vote of the	
town.	1 00
Paid Edward Louiselle for breaking roads in the winter of	
1876,	5 00
Paid W. A. Wilder for breaking roads in the years	
1875-6-7,	14 80
Paid Josiah Guillow for putting up railing,	5 00
Paid J. S. Bingham for work on the highway,	50
Paid Geo. B. Alexander	2 77
Paid S. C. Gates	1 78
Paid Henry Bingham	3 00
Paid D. A. Miller for work and use of drills on highway,	2 50

Paid S. C. Gates for work on the highway,	\$2 60
Paid Jehial White for carting gravel on the stone bridge,	4 72
Paid Geo. D. Hayward for work on highway in Hammond Hollow district,	14 82
Paid Thomas T. Clark for labor and plank on the Polley bridge, and railing for the highway,	11 65
Paid E. W. Gunn for work on the highway,	5 00
Paid John C. Guillow for work, lumber and railing for the highway,	15 95
Paid Henry Bingham for work on the highway,	4 28
Paid Otis H. Kingsbury for work on the highway, and for railing and putting up the same,	17 95
Paid Darius Porter for breaking roads in March, 1877,	1 95
Paid L. W. Wilder for breaking roads in the year 1876,	1 25
Paid E. D. Banks for work on the highway,	13 05
Paid E. D. Banks for posts and railing and putting up the same in the fall of 1876,	3 50
Paid Mason Guillow for work on the highway,	1 65
Paid Geo. Wright for work on the highway,	3 82
Paid L. R. Guillow for working out G. W. F. Temple's non-resident highway tax for the year 1872,	82
Paid Elbridge Smith for work on the highway in his district,	17 73
Paid Kendal Nichols for work on highway,	1 95
Paid Otis H. Kingsbury for work and railing on Stearns Hill and laying up bank wall,	8 25
Paid J. J. Isham for labor and lumber and repairing road scraper,	7 25
Paid D. W. Bill for non-resident highway tax,	7 43
Paid D. W. Bill for cutting trees in highway and 100 ft. plank,	1 70
Paid S. W. Dart for supporting watering-trough,	3 00
Paid Daniel Smith for plank and work on highway,	2 72
Paid Geo. W. Newman for work on highway,	3 00
Paid N. O. Hayward for plank and work on highway,	34 43
Paid D. A. Roundy for work on highway,	2 32

\$233 46

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Josiah Guillow, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 5,	\$132 49
Paid Josiah Guillow, school money not expended in the year 1876	16 30
Paid C. B. Hayward, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 2,	206 05
Paid John C. Guillow, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 7,	\$152 09
Paid E. W. Gunn, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 3,	130 19
Paid Bradley Stone, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 6,	121 01
Paid Isaac Knight, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 1,	137 00
Paid Solomon Mack, school house tax in Dist. No. 7,	6 37
Paid Darius Porter, Prudential Committee, school money in Dist. No. 4.	136 26
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	\$1037 76

TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Cheshire Prov. Institution for Savings, note and interest,	\$637 00
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Albert Hubbard for keeping five transient persons in 1876,	\$5 00
Paid Albert Hubbard for keeping eight transient persons,	6 00
Paid Calvin Chandler for keeping one transient person,	75
Paid Alpheus Chapin for keeping three transient persons,	1 50
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	\$13 25

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Silvanus Hayward for services in surveying cemetery and Eveleth road, and making plan of cemetery,	\$21 00
Paid N. O. Hayward for services as committee in laying out cemetery and stakes for cemetery,	15 00
Paid W. A. Wilder for services as committee in laying out cemetery,	11 00
Paid K. D. Webster, committee on town house,	200 00
Paid K. D. Webster, " "	94 51
Paid L. R. Guillow for money paid out for foxes and hawks killed,	2 40
Paid A. D. Hammond for money paid out for foxes and hawks killed,	9 70
Paid L. R. Guillow for money paid out for foxes killed,	50
Paid L. R. Guillow for leveling the floor to town hall,	75
Paid Davis & Wright for two stoves bought for town hall,	21 00
Paid D. W. Bill for cutting brush, making bars and painting gate at south cemetery,	1 75
Paid A. D. Hammond for money paid out for foxes killed,	2 50
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	\$380 11

RECEIPTS FOR 1877, COMMENCING MARCH 1st.

Money in treasury,	\$436 59
Received of Daniel Smith, collector for 1875,	52 00
Received of Geo. H. McCoy, for use of town hall,	1 50
Received of S. W. Dart, collector for 1876,	312 78
Received of state treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	893 77
“ “ Literary Fund,	55 04
Received of S. W. Dart, collector for 1877,	2,562 47
“ “ “ interest on taxes, 1877,	12 40
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	\$4,326 55

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued for ordinary town charges,	\$1590 68
“ repairs of highways and bridges,	233 46
“ support of schools and school-house taxes,	1037 76
“ town notes and interest,	637 00
“ support of paupers,	13 25
“ miscellaneous expenses,	380 11
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	\$3,892 26

Receipts for 1877,	\$4,326 55
Expenditures for 1877,	3,892 26
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Cash in treasury, March 1st, 1878,	\$434 29

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN, MARCH 1st, 1878.

Estimated amount due town officers for 1877,	165 00
Due school District No. 1,	10 16
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	\$175 16

ASSETS.

Money in treasury, March 1, 1878,	\$434 29
In hands of collector for 1875,	2 86
“ “ 1876,	18 97
“ “ 1877,	331 33
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	\$787 45
Indebtedness deducted,	\$175 16
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Leaving a balance in the treasury and in the hands of collectors,	\$612 29
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

A. D. HAMMOND,	}	Selectmen
L. R. GUILLOW,		of
GEO. H. CARPENTER,		Gilsum.

ALLEN HAYWARD, Treasurer.

The undersigned auditors chosen by the Town of Gilsum to examine and audit the account of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer of said town, report that they have attended to that duty and believe said report to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. A. HOWARD,	}	Auditors.
GEO. C. HUBBARD,		

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the requirements of law, I herewith submit the Report of the Public Schools of this town, for the year ending March 1st. 1878.

Whole Amount of School Revenues	\$1025.25
By Taxation	\$900.00
Literary Funds	65.25
Interest on School Funds	15.00
Tax on dogs	45.00

Divided among the several districts as follows—Each Dist. received \$100.00. \$100.00 by the scholar, the same by valuation. Literary Fund and interest on School Fund by valuation. Tax on dogs equally. This gave

District No. 1,	\$147.16	Paid to Isaac Knight, Prudential Com.
“ “ 2,	206.05	“ C. B. Hayward, “
“ “ 3,	130.19	“ Benj. H. Britton, “
“ “ 4,	132.26	“ Darius Porter, “
“ “ 5,	132.49	“ Josiah Guillow, “
“ “ 6,	121.01	“ Bradley Stone, “
“ “ 7,	152.09	“ John C. Guillow, “

GENERAL REMARKS.

There are several elements that combine to make a good school but I think all will agree that a thoroughly competent and faithful teacher is the one most essential—therefore to secure the services of such a teacher is a step of great importance, if we wish our schools to be successful. It is an important point gained when we have selected the right man for Prudential Committee, one who will not accept the first applicant, merely because it will save further trouble. We want men in this position who fully realize the responsibility resting upon them, and are willing to devote time and attention to the discharge of its duties—the needs of his particular school should be fully considered—some teachers will do well in one school when they will totally fail in another—many are to young when they engage in teaching, it needs mature judgment as well as education.

Many young people blast their prospects as a teacher forever, by undertaking to teach before they are well qualified—their success in their first school has much to do with their future reputation as a teacher—other things being equal, I think one who has attended the Normal School should have the preference.

The Prudential Committee, should make it his first business to secure the services of a teacher, of whose qualifications he has personal knowledge and who has earned a reputation by practical experience, or else demand recommendations from those qualified to judge. Having secured the services of a competent teacher, (which you must not expect to do without paying a reasonable compensation, for a skilled laborer always commands better pay than a bungler) provide all the help in your power—a clean neat school-room, with suitable tools to keep it so—a room should be clean if it is poor and small. The teacher may be a stranger—you may be the only one with whom she is acquainted, if so take pains to introduce her to the people of the district, make her feel that she is among

friends—a teacher should always feel that they have the sympathy and support of the parents—we all know how much better we can labor with a cheerful, than a heavy heart.

A lack of proper and sufficient text books is often a source of great annoyance to a teacher. Scholars should always be so supplied with books as to be entirely independent of each other.

We are glad to record the same gratifying feature in our schools this year as last, namely, the retaining of the same teacher through the year, which has been done in five of the seven districts; in one district the same teacher has been employed the last four terms, I should judge with unabated satisfaction.

I have been pleased to notice that several of our teachers have carried classes along some distance in the elements of English Grammar, entirely by oral instruction, which will be of great benefit to them, when old enough to take grammar as a study.

A greater amount of oral instruction is needed in our schools. Oral teaching is the most natural, it is always listened to with marked attention by children, far more likely to be remembered than if read in a text book; a short talk about the peculiarities of any country or people, will create a desire to learn more of them and the knowledge thus gained is remembered.

The multiplicity of studies in our schools, has so encroached upon the teachers' time that spelling is sadly neglected, it seems to be thought that other studies must have their full time and spelling have what is left, this branch of education is far too valuable to be neglected. With spelling should be taught the meaning of words, by the explanations of the teacher, and the use of the Dictionary; the pupil will more readily remember the correct spelling of a word when he knows its meaning because it conveys an idea to his mind; this exercise should be varied so as to create an interest. The teacher should be thoroughly prepared for every recitation, otherwise the exercise will be uninteresting and valueless. Teachers should be able to command the attention of their classes. If it cannot be done in one way, try another. It must be secured or your labor is lost. Always allow sufficient time for the pupil to think and answer; never correct a mistake until the scholar is through with his answer.

All have an interest in the education of the young, because all

have an interest in good government and good society, and the education of the people is the foundation on which these rest—education tends to diminish crime—intemperance and poverty are secondary causes of crime—a neglected education being the ultimate cause.

Then in the matter of our public schools let us all be interested, for it is a common cause.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DIST. No. 1 has had 22 weeks of school—one term of 9 weeks and one of 13 weeks. Whole number of different scholars attending first term 19, average attendance 15 1-2. Whole number attending second term 21, average attendance 19. Teacher Miss LUTHERA L. GODDARD, of Fitchburg, Mass. Miss GODDARD has had her first experience as a teacher in this district the past year. She has the elements for a successful teacher, and with larger experience will be more practical in her methods of instruction, and less closely confined to the text book. The school appeared orderly, and the progress made, showed industry on the part of teacher and pupils. Wages of teacher per month., including board, first term, \$20; second term, \$26. Amount to each scholar, \$7.01.

DIST. No. 2 has had three terms of 7, 8 and 9 weeks each, making the whole number of weeks of school during the year 24. Whole number of scholars—first term 30, second term 31, third term 31. Average attendance 28. The first term under the instruction of Miss FLORENCE E. GOULD of Nelson, came very near a failure. Miss GOULD is a lady of excellent character and good education, and I doubt not would do well in a different school, but lacked sufficient energy and decision to control the restless and disorderly elements found here. Miss JENNIE M. MERRIAM of Walpole, teacher of second term, soon brought the school under good discipline; there was system and thoroughness both in the management and instruction, and good progress was made in the studies pursued. Miss F. E. DARLING of Keene, teacher of third term, is a lady of considerable experience as a teacher; had taught two terms in this town the past year with very marked success, but failed to accomplish in this school all she desired, and labored hard for. The school appeared restless; there seemed to be a lack of interest in their studies on the part of the pupils, and no desire to improve their time except under compulsion. A few of the older pupils do not appear to realize the importance

of improving the present opportunity, and their example is a great hindrance to the prosperity of the school. Wages of teacher per month including board, first term \$28; second term \$32; third term \$32. Amount to each scholar, \$6.64.

DIST. No. 3 has had 23 weeks of school—9 weeks in summer, 14 weeks in fall. Both terms under the instruction of Miss F. E. DARLING of Keene. Whole number of scholars summer term 7, with not a tardy or absent mark. Whole number of scholars fall term 8, no tardy mark, but three of the pupils were absent some on account of sickness, which brought the average little less than 7.

This school under the instruction of Miss DARLING, fully sustained its good reputation. The instruction was thorough and practical, and I think the parents at the closing examination felt that the mental and moral training of their children had been in safe hands. Home influence has its full weight in this school. The pupils are industrious and obedient, making the duties of the teacher a pleasure. Wages of teacher per month including board \$24. Amount to each scholar, \$16.27.

DIST. No. 4 has had 20 weeks of school—first term 9 weeks—second term 11. Whole number of scholars first term 12, average attendance $11\frac{1}{2}$. Whole number second term 13, average attendance $12\frac{1}{2}$, with not a tardy mark during the year. Miss JENNIE E. WOOD of Keene has had charge of this school for the last two years. By her thorough knowledge of the wants of this school, Miss WOOD has been able to accomplish a good work for the district; without doubt the school is in much better condition than if there had been a frequent change of teachers. A thorough understanding of the principles passed over, was a marked feature at the closing examination. Wages of teacher per month, including board, first term \$26; second term \$28. Amount to each scholar, \$10.17.

DIST. No. 5 has had 24 weeks of school under the instruction of Miss A. BELL COCHRAN—8 weeks in the summer, 16 in the fall. Whole number of pupils summer term 19, average attendance 4; whole number fall term 17, average attendance 11; this tells the whole story for this school. I do not understand that this state of things arose from any opposition to the teacher, but from ill feeling among the members of the district. It is to be regretted that parents will allow their children to be irregular in attendance, or to leave school without some good reason; they not only lose the benefits of that term of school, but it has a bad influence upon the future character of the child. No teacher under such

circumstances could arrive at anything like satisfactory results. Wages of teacher per month including board \$24. Amount to each scholar \$6.97.

DIST. No. 6. Miss ADDIE M. CHICKERING of Westmoreland has had charge of this school during the year. There has been 25 weeks of school—10 weeks in summer, 15 weeks in fall. Whole number of scholars 7, average attendance a small fraction less; only 4 tardy marks during the year. This school was eminently successful. Miss CHICKERING is a quiet and unassuming, but industrious teacher. The closing examination must have been highly gratifying to the parents, nearly all of whom were present; it was certainly satisfactory to the committee. Wages of teacher per month including board, first term \$18, second term \$20. Amount to each scholar, \$17.28.

DIST. No. 7 has had 3 terms of 7, 8 and $9\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, making $24\frac{1}{2}$ weeks of school during the year. Whole number of scholars—first term 23, second term 24, third term 20; average attendance for the year 20. The first two terms were under the management of Miss FANNIE A. TOWNSEND of Dublin, who is a faithful and energetic teacher. I think these terms were satisfactory to all concerned. The third term under the instruction of Miss DELLA M. GUNN of this town was a very successful one; the school was orderly, and fine progress was made in the studies pursued. We found in this school one of the finest primary classes in town. Not a tardy mark during the term. This was Miss GUNN's second experience as a teacher, but she bids fair to rank high among our good teachers. Wages of teacher per month, including board, first term \$20; second term \$28; third term \$22. Amount to each scholar, \$6.33.

Whole number of scholars in town between the age of five and fifteen, as returned by the Selectmen, April, 1877 113. Male 54, Females 59.

GEO. C. HUBBARD,
Superintending School Committee.

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